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Working Group Discussion
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The Collection Guidance and Requirements Process

- 1. The collection guidance and requirements process is supposed to do three things:
  - -- focus collection tasking officially
  - -- serve as a basis for performance evaluation
  - -- serve as a basis for programming

How well, in general, is it perceived to work?

- 2. Is the requirements mechanism responsive specifically to the needs of the Department of Defense?
  - -- Are tactical requirements given adequate consideration in the development of national collection systems?
  - -- Where are the major impediments to the rapid free flow of requirements from the field?
- 3. Are the collection requirements mechanisms adequately responsive to departments and agencies other than Defense; particularly with respect to non-NFIB agencies such as NRC, ACDA, and Commerce?
- 4. Do the current DCI collection committee mechanisms impede or facilitate the development of requirements?
  - -- Are they representative of community interests and responsive to the full range of needs?
  - -- Are criticisms of the requirements process fundamental to that activity or traceable to collection limitations?

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- -- Can the requirements system function adequately during crisis or in war-time?
- -- What are the organizational alternatives to the present system?
- 5. Is the process of assessing satisfaction of requirements (adequacy and cost) effective?
- 6. How well or poorly does the system exploit the information gathering potential of government departments operating overseas whose "information gatherers" are not seen as intelligence elements, e.g., Foreign Service, Treasury attaches, Commerce attaches, etc.
- 7. Congressional committees have directed much critical questioning toward the requirements process and understand it poorly. Many inside intelligence do not understand it adequately. Why is this so and what might be done to alleviate the problem?
- 8. Is the Community knowledgeable about and sympathetic toward the efforts of ICS/OPP to build a comprehensive planning system that also embraces the requirements process?